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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Paul Osborne on the  
4 occasion of the 40th anniversary of his ownership of the  
5 Decatur Tribune in December of 2009; and

6           WHEREAS, In 1969, Paul Osborne received a call from a  
7 friend who told him that the Decatur Tribune was for sale;  
8 despite his lack of experience in the newspaper business, he  
9 decided to purchase the business and become the editor and  
10 publisher of the Decatur Tribune; and

11           WHEREAS, Under Paul Osborne's direction, the Decatur  
12 Tribune has thrived, with thousands of loyal subscribers  
13 reading his newspaper every day; the paper has also been the  
14 recipient of numerous press awards; and

15           WHEREAS, In addition to his successful paper, Paul Osborne  
16 also owns numerous other newspapers, an advertising agency, and  
17 a television news production studio; he has been involved with  
18 a daily television news program and radio broadcasting; he was  
19 also elected to serve as Mayor of the City of Decatur in 2003;  
20 he was then reelected in 2007 and served until his resignation  
21 on June 1, 2008; and

1           WHEREAS, For the last 40 years, Paul Osborne and his  
2 newspaper have served as invaluable sources of information and  
3 insight for the people of the City of Decatur and the State of  
4 Illinois; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 congratulate Paul Osborne on the occasion of the 40th  
8 anniversary of his ownership of the Decatur Tribune and wish  
9 him continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
10 further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Paul Osborne as a symbol of our esteem and  
13 respect.